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TIME TO COLONIZE.

From the number of inquiries made by farmers about Hawaii there is no doubt that, if the Territory wants farmers badly enough to open up lands for them, the necessary ones can be had. It is a great pity the way things are going. So shrewdly was the Settlement Association law devised to promote the interests of speculators and large ranch-owners that vast areas of arable land are put into the hands of men who are not and do not intend to become farmers but who are able, nevertheless, to fulfill the conditions of occupancy. By raising a little forage grass and a few algaroba trees they can hold their "farms" indefinitely. The net result to the Territory is practically nil.

Nevertheless it is feasible to set aside tracts for colonists from the mainland, like those at Wahiawa, and if this were done and men sent to the Coast to organize such colonies, FROM AMONG PRACTICAL FARMERS, we should soon have a large white population here engaged in productive industries. Byron O. Clark could, if he would, get such a colony. So could Mr. Desky, who has been in the business before. So could H. P. Wood, the progressive builder-up of new countries now visiting the islands. So could half a dozen other men who know the ropes. Why not give some one of them a chance?

There is no one thing save higher prices for sugar that would do Hawaii more good than colonies of American farmers planted in every island of the group. They would improve the country, add to its trade and revenues, diminish the imports and increase the exports of food stuffs, better the schools and the society, save the political situation and "develop the Territory along traditional American lines."

If our own people don't do something of this kind the United States land bureau may conclude, with the assent of Congress, to take over the whole land administration of the Territory and do the colonizing itself.

The State Department is naturally loath to make a damage claim against Turkey in the case of Miss Ellen M. Stone, who was ransomed from brigands. There are certain districts of the Ottoman empire where the authority of the Porte is but slightly recognized and these districts foreigners are forbidden to enter except at their own risk. Even Turkish officials journeying there have to employ armed escorts. It was in one of these frontier neighborhoods that Miss Stone was abducted. The fault was hers, not Turkey's, for she had no business to be there unless willing to take the chances. No board of arbitration, summoned by the United States in her behalf, would be likely to exact damages.

Prince Henry will return to the United States next year to make a thorough examination of it. He will attend the St. Louis fair and visit the Pacific Coast, including possibly Hawaii and the Philippines. Interest in the resources of the United States is growing in Germany and large numbers of German agents, military and civil, are on the mainland taking account of stock. Evidently Prince Henry saw enough last year to make him eager for another view. Next time, it is understood, he will not travel as a royal personage but as a semi-private investigator.

When the Home Rule House passed resolutions against Governor Dole and Fred Beckley took them to San Francisco, President McKinley thanked Beckley and told him to run home like a good boy. It will be interesting to watch the fate of the proposed anti-Carter resolutions, especially after the President has been fully posted about all who have a hand in getting them up. The Advertiser trusts that the House will not permit these resolutions to lapse. Mr. Carter deserves the high standing with the President which the disesteem of the voucher-burning House would help perpetuate.

Commissioner of Labor Carroll D. Wright's report on Hawaiian matters seems to be fair and temperate. It is based on careful and extended studies here by a man competent to see straight. In this it radically differs from most reports on Hawaii, such as are made from hotel verandas at the instance of political schemers, and it becomes, therefore, an historical and sociological authority.

When great news is to be had the Advertiser spares no pains or expense in getting it. Cablegrams at twenty cents a word are an expensive luxury, even when few are taken, but when they come en masse as they did last night, their tolls mount up to a figure that would meet the total expense accounts of some newspapers.

Reading the news this morning, the earlier part of which was received yesterday afternoon, will give the public a new appreciation of a paper that takes no holidays.

THE TRAGEDY AT BELGRADE.

The "bear with the bloody paws" may know more about the murder of the Serbian royal family and ministers than the world at large will ever find out. In statecraft either at home or abroad Russia has no conscience and no humane emotions. Her own government has been described as "an absolute monarchy tempered by assassination;" and the small governments over which she has an influence or which serve in any way to embarrass her plans, need be watchful lest, in death by dagger, poison or bombs, their rulers and statesmen pay the penalty of any departure from the strict lines of Russian policy. There have been many murders in the Balkan States before and after Stambuloff's, and in them all have been signs of Russian treachery or greed. Mediaeval Venice never made more use of the agencies of crime than does this savage from the Steppes.

horrible, hairy, human, the survival in the Twentieth Century of the brute strength and animal cunning of the Middle Ages.

The story from Belgrade reads like one from a far past. In it are sounds from the Ciceronian Vespers, from St. Bartholomew's day, from the palace revolutions on the Golden Horn, from the horrors of the Tower. An anniversary of a royal murder comes a bell tolls at midnight, a signal booms sullenly on the dark, there is heard the rush of armed men, the breaking down of a palace gate, a few smothered shrieks in distant rooms, and then comes the proclamation by the assassins of a new law and a new King. How old the gruesome story! In how many ages past has this scene been acted over! In this one how the dramatic unities of ancient times have been preserved, times that were before those of Darius and Ramees and all the somber and fated monarchs gone.

Will things ever be any better? The world is millions of years old yet men still respond, on provocation, to the primal instincts of murder and slaughter, and destruction. Cain is not yet dead; the blood of new Abels cries from the ground; and humanity still changes its rulers by the methods of the Stone Age. Surely civilization has something better than this in its high keeping.

BANANAS IN TRANSIT.

When Hawaii gets ready to dispute with Jamaica and Bluefields for the banana trade of the Western States—a thing it ought to be doing now on a much larger scale than it is—it will see the need of a complete new organization of the banana export business. Probably when that time comes, some great commission house here, or a combination of them, will undertake to market the whole product, seeing to it that vessels do not lack for cargoes and that any given trade depot is not overstocked. How the competing business is done appears in part below, the extracts being from an article in the Boston Transcript:

"But care can by no means relax after the banana lands on American soil. For long distance hauls the national fruit of the tropics requires almost as much attention as it does on shipboard. This is particularly true in the West, where the messenger service is an important department of banana commerce. The banana messenger holds an interesting position. He takes the cars for the Western trade out of New Orleans, on some trips having as many as twenty under his charge. They must be dropped all along the way from St. Louis to the coast, and they must reach each town in the right condition, ripened just enough to make good eating. This maturing takes place on the cars, and depends on the messenger's skilful manipulation of ventilators. No artificial heat is supplied in winter. The cars are heated with stoves before departure, and the stoves are then removed. After that the vast mass of moist bananas will generate even too much heat if left to themselves. There is a thermometer in each car, and it is the messenger's business to keep the temperature regulated to a dot, so that the man in Kansas City and the man in Seattle will get his bananas just right. So that, in fact, Westerners consume bananas ripened by messenger service instead of the sun. Twenty-five messengers make their headquarters in New Orleans, but in the East the distances are so much less that not more than five or six are kept busy.

"The same improved methods of transportation which have made Americans a race of banana-eaters have begun the same transforming process with the English. But refrigerator ships are necessary, summer and winter, to enable the banana to stand the seventeen or eighteen-day voyage to Liverpool, as against that of five days to New York. The first refrigerator banana ships from Jamaica to Liverpool were put on in 1901, with a fortnightly service. This was increased to a weekly service last year, each ship carrying 30,000 stems. Probably 600,000 stems were landed in Liverpool last year, an increase of 100 per cent over the year before. The people of England and Europe generally do not know what a good banana is. They have been used to eating them when the skin is green, at which time they are not fit for food. Under the fostering care of the banana section of the American invasion they will probably

become as great banana eaters as Americans; all of which means an economic change of considerable importance to tropical America."

"I am the king and I can do as I please," announced King Alexander, of Serbia, to his cabinet when members of that body objected to his marriage to the notorious lady-in-waiting, Draga. The cabinet resigned in a body. Possibly some of them are back in the new cabinet today.

Guam's Supply of Dogs.

An officer of the marine corps brings to Washington the interesting information that a feature of one of our insular possessions is an abnormal supply of dogs. Guam of which we know so little save that it served as a prison for transported Filipinos, is famous for its dogs. Poverty stricken and constitutionally lazy, the natives naturally take to dogs. Neither the natives nor the dogs have enough to eat and in the struggle for food the superiority of the biped over the quadruped is shown and the dogs get the worst of it. But even where things are equal the dogs show more activity and roam about searching for food, while the native wallows in the filth of his dugout.

The dogs are a great nuisance to the white people who are compelled to live in the island. They prow about the houses at night and seize anything that smells like food and make off with it. They will even break through windows of the houses. The marine officers say that the dogs are thin and bony, vicious on account of hunger, and generally a very disagreeable lot. He tried to keep them from his quarters with a shotgun, but the shooting at all times of night disturbed other officers, and he adopted the poison method. He supplied the dogs with fresh meat thoroughly inoculated with quick acting poison from the medical department, and each morning obtained a crop of Guam dogs. Not that he wanted them, but he did want sleep, and this was the only way he could obtain it.

What Is a "Gazabo?"

In the course of a debate the other day on some unimportant ordinance one alderman called another a "gazabo." This picturesque and eloquent word has thrown the erudite of London into convulsions. "What is a 'gazabo'?" they are asking, and fail to get an answer. Even Mr. Murray has confessed to an inability to give the proper explanation. It is therefore clear that our city fathers have added to the riches of our beautiful and picturesque tongue. They are true benefactors of the race, because they have made a word spring up where there was none before. At any rate, they have given the sanction of official and dignified usage to what was only "slang" before.

Well, what is a "gazabo"? A gazabo is a gazabo. You might as well ask, "What is a boulder?" A "boulder" is a "boulder." That is the beginning and end of it. It is an eloquent term of abuse, or reproach, or defiance, or irony. It is necessary, because no other word is so delightfully vague yet definite, so inclusive yet exclusive. At the same time, it is triumphantly parliamentary. Why, a member from the Bronx might call President Forney a gazabo, and that worthy and dignified person would not know what to do. Where he pounded his gavel and shouted "order," he would have an uneasy feeling that, after all, the word might have been applied in a perfectly affectionate way.—New York Evening Sun.

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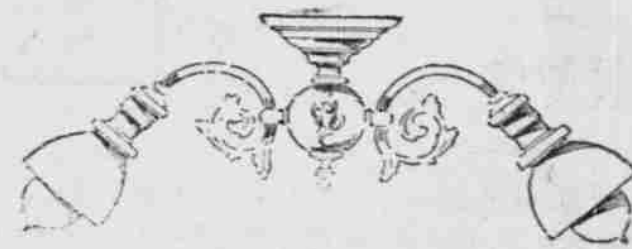
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